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SUBJECT: CODEL SOLARZ: TANZANIA

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1. SUMMARY. CODEL SOLARZ SPENT EIGHT USEFUL HOURS IN TANZANIA
JULY 13. END SUMMARY.

2. REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN SOLARZ, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. ROSS
JOSEPH BRECHNER, ARRIVED DAR ES SALAAM AT 1:00 PM, JULY 13,
HAVING MISSED SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM LUSAKA THE PREVIOUS AFTERNOON.
DELAYED ARRIVAL FORCED CURTAILMENT OF SCHEDULE, INCLUDING CANCELLA-
TION OF MEETINGS WITH JUNIOR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND UNDP
OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH AID TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

3. NEVERTHELESS, AT LUNCH HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING CODEL'S ARRIVAL, SOLARZ MET OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY COL. HASHIM MBITA, FOREIGN MINISTRY EUROPE
AND AMERICAS DIVISION DIRECTOR BERNARD MUGANDA, TANZANIA DAILY
NEWS' NEW EDITOR FERDINAND K. RUHINDA, PROFESSOR WILSON MUKAMA
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OF TANU'S KIVUKONI IDEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, AND SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN

MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

4. LUNCH CONVERSATION WAS LARGELY BETWEEN SOLARZ AND COL. MBITA, WHO WAS IN RATHER AGGRESSIVE MOOD, AND PARRIED SOLARZ' INTENSIVE AND WELL-INFORMED QUESTIONING ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTERS WITH ARTICULATE, EMPHATIC STATEMENTS OF HARDLINE AFRICAN POSITIONS. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE EMERGED, SAVE THAT MBITA REFUSED TO ACCEPT ROBERT MUGABE (REF D) AS AUTHENTIC SPOKESMAN OF ZIMBABWE "THIRD FORCE", DESCRIBING HIM AS JUST ANOTHER POLITICIAN PRESSING FOR HIS OWN CASE.

5. AFTER LUNCH, AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER, BRIEFED SOLARZ ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN AND TANZANIAN MATTERS FOR TWO HOURS.

6. SOLARZ THEN MET FOR ALMOST AN HOUR WITH MZIWANDILE PILISO, MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHO PROVIDED UNORIGINAL VERSION OF ANC POSITIONS WITH A RATHER BORED AIR -- AS IF TO IMPLY THAT US WAS A HOPELESS CASE AT BEST. PILISO EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS VERY PLEASED THAT OAU AT MAURITIUS HAD, "FOR FIRST TIME", SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED ARMED STRUGGLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

7. APPOINTMENTS ARRANGES WITH PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA (PAC) AND AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ZIMBABWE (ANC-Z) FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF CODEL'S DELAYED ARRIVAL.

8. DESPITE BRIEFNESS HIS EIGHT HOUR STAY IN TANZANIA, SOLARZ APPEARED PLEASED WITH CONTACTS HE HAD MADE, AND ESPECIALLY WITH OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH COL. MBITA. HE SAID HE MIGHT TRY TO RETURN TO AFRICA, AND PERHAPS TO TANZANIA, DURING CONGRESS' CHRISTMAS RECESS.

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